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**SRI LANKA-INDIA: Problems With Tamil Terrorism**

*Violence is increasing between the Tamil minority and the dominant Sinhalese community in Sri Lanka, and Colombo's charges of Indian support for Tamil separatism are straining relations with New Delhi.* [REDACTED]

Tamil terrorists have claimed responsibility for two more political assassinations in Jaffna, bringing to nine the number of Sinhalese killed this week. [REDACTED] Sinhalese security forces have been instructed to be less restrained. They have killed more than 10 Tamil bystanders in reprisal. [REDACTED]

Prime Minister Jayewardene's government has called on New Delhi to investigate allegations in an Indian magazine that there are training camps for Sri Lankan Tamil insurgents in the state of Tamil Nadu. [REDACTED] confirmed the existence of Tamil training facilities near Madras, despite India's official support for reconciliation talks in Colombo between the two communities. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] sympathy in southern India for the Tamil separatists in Sri Lanka is at an alltime high. Last Friday a small crowd of Tamil sympathizers entered the Consulate to protest US support for the Jayewardene government and tried to burn effigies of President Reagan and Jayewardene. [REDACTED]

**Comment:** Colombo has reacted to growing intransigence among the Sinhalese by refusing to accommodate even moderate demands by the Tamils. [REDACTED]

New Delhi's support for the Tamils probably is in part an effort to control a movement it cannot eradicate. Gandhi's overriding concern is to forestall intervention in the region by one of the superpowers. [REDACTED]